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Applicant : Sakharam D. Mahurkar  
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Sir:

This is a Petition to Make Special the above-identified patent application. The grounds and conditions for granting this application special status are found in MPEP § 708.02, IV

“Applicant’s Age.” No fee is required for this Petition. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

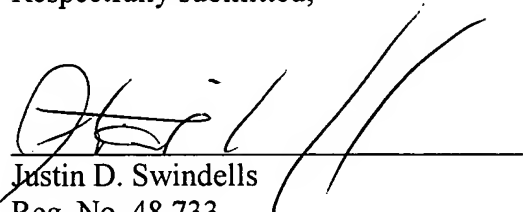
MPEP § 708.02, IV, at 700-122, provides:

An application may be made special upon filing a petition including any evidence showing that the applicant is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or applicant’s statement. No fee is required with such a petition. See 37 CFR 1.102(c).

A statement by the applicant declaring that he is older than 65 years of age is enclosed with this Petition. Accordingly, Applicant requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and the application be accorded accelerated examination.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 8, 2004

  
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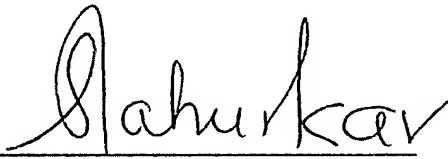
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**STATEMENT OF SAKHARAM D. MAHURKAR IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

I, Sakharam D. Mahurkar, declare and state as follows:

1. My name is Sakharam D. Mahurkar, and I am the sole named inventor for the above-referenced patent application.
2. I was born on January 1, 1933, making my present age 71 years.

Date: November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004

  
Sakharam D. Mahurkar